Death of Tihar Inmates due to TB

77. SHRI MD. SALIM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of inmates died of tuberculosis (TB) in Tihar Jail during the last 5 years; and

(b) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) The number of persons who died to tuberculosis in Tihar Jail during the last 5 years is given below:

Year	Number of Prisoners who died of tuberculosis
1992	6
1993	6
1994	8
1995	12
1996	4

(b) The Government is fully alive to the need for providing adequate health care to the Jail inmates including those suffering from tuberculosis (TB). Steps taken by the Jail authorities to provide proper medical help include, inter-alia, initial medical examination of the prisioner in details to detect illness at first point to ensure immediate medical treatment; declaring Tihar Jail as 'no smoking zone'; segregation of inmates suffering from tuberculosis (TB) and provision of a seperate tuberculosis ward in Tihar Jail Hospital where such prisioners get regular and specialised treatment.

Smuggling of RDX by ISI

78. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Pakistan intelligence agency, ISI has recently started smuggling of RDX into India in addition to drugs as part of its subversive activities;

(b) if so, the month-wise quantity of RDX and drugs seized by the Indian Police during the last six months; and

(c) the main points from where this smuggling takes place and the steps taken to check it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) There have been instances wherein arms, ammunition, explosives etc. were smuggled into the country by anti-national elements, aided and abetted by the ISI of Pakistan.

(b) As per available information the quantity of RDX and drugs seized/ recovered during January, 1997 to March, 1997 are as under. Facts relating to recoveries during April, May and June, 1997 are being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Months	RDX Seized	Drugs Seized
1. JAMMU & KASHMIR		
January, 97	2 Kgs.	—
February, 97	—	—
March, 97	—	—
2. PUNJAB		
January, 97	—	—
February, 97	—	50 Kgs. Heroin